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SUBJ: NORTH KOREA OPENS EMBASSY IN OSLO

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(NOTAL); D) OSLO 3067 (NOTAL)

1. NORTH KOREA HAS OFFICIALLY OPENED AN EMBASSY-LEVEL
DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN OSLO. IN CONVERSATION AUGUST 31 WITH
CHIEF OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ASIA/AFRICAN/LATIN AMERICAN
DIVISION, JAN NYHEIM, EMBOFFS RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT NORTH
KOREAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN EXISTANCE FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK,
TEMPORARILY OPERATING OUT OF DPRK'S INFORMATION OFFICE HERE.

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2. NEW DPRK CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, PAK GI PIL, HAD DEPARTED

NYHEIM'S OFFICE JUST PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF EMBOFFS. PIL'S LAST POST OF ASSIGNMENT WAS DAR ES SALAAM WHERE HE SERVED AS COUNSELOR OF DPRK EMBASSY. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, PIL HAS ALSO SERVED IN CUBA. NYHEIM SAID PIL ARRIVED HERE FROM TANZANIA VIA MOSCOW (A LOGICAL DETOUR FOR BRIEFINGS FROM STRONG DPRK EMBASSY THERE; AS REPORTED IN REF B, DPRK AMBASSADOR TO USSR VISITED OSLO IN AUGUST TO PRESENT HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON ISSUES AT 28TH UNGA).

3. NYHEIM SAID NORTH KOREANS HAVE NOT REQUESTED AGREEMENT FOR AN AMBASSADOR AND THAT CHARGE GAVE NO HINT OF DPRK PLANS IN THIS REGARD DURING INITIAL MEETING. ONLY INTERESTING SUBSTANTIVE MATTER TO EMERGE, ACCORDING TO NYHEIM, WAS STATEMENT BY PIL THAT HENCEFORTH DPRK WILL ONLY ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT RECOGNIZE SEOUL GOVERNMENT. NYHEIM WAS CAREFUL TO POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT HE IS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN HOW WELL INFORMED PIL IS ON THINKING IN PYONGYANG.

4. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REFS A AND B), NORWEGIANS WERE EARLIER CONSIDERING SENDING AN OFFICIAL TO PYONG AND SEOUL IN SEPTEMBER FOR PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS. NYHEIM NOW INFORMS US THAT THEY HAVE ABANDONED THIS PLAN, IN VIEW OF THE RECENT CONSULTATIONS IN OSLO WITH EMISSARIES FROM BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH. BECAUSE A VISIT TO SEOUL IS OVERDUE, HOWEVER, NORWAY IS CONSIDERING HAVING BUE BRUN, FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, VISIT SOUTH KOREA IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ATTENDANCE AT GATT TALKS IN TOKYO.

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